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Note verbale dated 23 April 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and has the honour to transmit a copy of Decree No. 864 of 2003, adopted by the Executive Branch of the Argentine Republic in connection with the application of the sanctions imposed on Liberia by the Security Council in its resolutions 1343 (2001) and 1408 (2002) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 23 April 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Given that the Argentine Republic is a founding Member of the United Nations, and

Considering:

That one of the purposes of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security, by taking to that end effective collective action necessary to prevent and eliminate threats to peace;

That the Security Council is the organ competent to adopt appropriate measures to that end, in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;

That, by virtue of such powers, the Security Council, on 7 March 2001, adopted resolution 1343 (2001), concerning the prevailing situation in the Republic of Sierra Leone and in the region;

That, in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the resolution, the Council decided, inter alia, that all States should take measures to impose on the Republic of Liberia sanctions designed to prevent the following: the sale or supply to Liberia of arms or technical training or assistance related to arms; the direct or indirect import of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia; the entry into or transit through their territories of senior members of the Government of Liberia and its armed forces and their spouses and any other individuals providing financial and military support to armed rebel groups in countries neighbouring Liberia, without prejudice to the exceptions set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 7 of the resolution;

That, in paragraph 24 of the aforementioned resolution, the Council urged States to cooperate with the Committee established by paragraph 14;

That, in paragraph 18 of the resolution, the Council also requested all States to report to the aforementioned Committee on the actions they had taken to implement the measures imposed by paragraphs 5 to 7;

That the Council decided, in paragraph 9 of the aforementioned resolution, that the measures imposed by paragraph 5 were established for 14 months, and, in paragraph 10, that the sanctions imposed by paragraphs 6 and 7 were established for a period of 12 months;

That, on 6 May 2002, the Council adopted resolution 1408 (2002), in paragraph 5 of which it decided that the measures imposed by paragraphs 5 to 7 of resolution 1343 (2001) would remain in force for a further period of 12 months and that, at the end of the period, it would decide whether to extend those measures for a further period with the same conditions;

That, in paragraph 15 of resolution 1408 (2002), the Council requested States that had not reported pursuant to paragraph 18 of resolution 1343 (2001) to report to the Committee within 90 days on the steps they had taken to implement the measures referred to in paragraph 5 of resolution 1408 (2002);

That, in paragraph 18 of resolution 1408 (2002), the Council called upon States to take appropriate measures to ensure that individuals and companies in their jurisdiction acted in conformity with United Nations embargoes, in particular those established by resolutions 1171 (1998) and 1306 (2000), relating to the Republic of Sierra Leone, and by resolution 1343 (2001), and, as appropriate, to take the necessary judicial and administrative action to end any illegal activities by those individuals and companies;

That, in paragraph 19 of resolution 1408 (2002), the Council requested all States to exercise the highest degree of responsibility in small arms and light weapons transactions to prevent illegal diversion and re-export, so as to stem the leakage of legal weapons to illegal markets in the region, in line with the statement of its President of 31 August 2001 (S/PRST/2001/21) and the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;

That the Members of the United Nations must accept and implement the decisions of the Security Council, by assisting it in its actions taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;

That, by virtue of the powers provided in article 128 of the national Constitution, the provincial governments are natural agents of the federal Government in implementing the national Constitution and the laws of the nation;

That the National Executive Branch is authorized to take action in this area in accordance with the powers conferred on it in article 99, paragraph 11, of the national Constitution;

Accordingly,

The President of the Argentine nation

Hereby decrees as follows:

Article 1

The National Executive Branch, the public agencies and departments of the national State, the provinces, the municipalities and the autonomous city of Buenos Aires shall adopt, in their respective jurisdictions, such measures as are necessary to implement the decisions set forth in resolutions 1343 (2001) and 1408 (2002) of the United Nations Security Council, which are annexed hereto and form an integral part hereof.

Article 2

This Decree shall lapse on 7 May 2003 with regard to the sanctions imposed in paragraphs 5 to 7 of resolution 1343 (2001), subject to a decision by the United Nations Security Council to extend them or suspend them, in which case they shall continue to have effect or cease to have effect, on the conditions established by the Council.

Article 3

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Public Worship shall publicize the lists referred to in paragraph 14 (e) of resolution 1343 (2001) in resolutions to be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Article 4

This Decree shall be disseminated, published, transmitted to the Official Records Office and deposited in the archives.

Decree No. 864

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